

C. Mackey, R. B. Leatherman, J. K. Leedy and Laura Hetrick. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION 8:00 P. M.

Sermon by J. C. Cassel, of Phil., Pa.

THIRD SESSION 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Wm. M. Lyon.

The minutes of last session read and approved.

The committee on Credentials reported as follows: *Maurertown, Va.*: E. B. Shaver, N. L. Rosenberger, Miss Annie Richard, M. Funkhouser, J. M. Hockman. *Liberty Va.*: Samuel Kline, Simon P. Fogle. *Mt. Pleasant*. G. A. Copp, S. J. Hansenfluck. *St. Luke Va.*: G. H. Haun, P. N. Wisman, J. E. Holler. *Dayton Va.*: Mrs. Laura Hedrick, Miss Lucy Hedrick, *Hagerstown, Md.*: J. M. Tombaugh, J. C. Bentz, Harry Dooly, Theo. W. Fahrney. *St. James Md.*: Joshua Long, T. J. Fahrney, J. F. Mullen, H. S. Poffenberger, Dr. V. M. Reichard, Isaiah Sheely, Mrs. Annie Cross. *Washington, D. C.*: W. M. Lyon, W. B. Stoddard. *Mt. Zion*: W. P. Spigle J. E. Copp, Arena Copp. *Bethlehem, Va.*: J. I. Hall.

A committee of three was appointed on resolutions and also a committee of three on queries.

The chairman of committee on Parochial reports, reported the following reports: E. B. Shaver, Geo. A. Copp, W. H. Spigle, J. M. Tombaugh, J. I. Hall and Dr. V. M. Reichard.

Discussion on Ministerial Support, opened by Dr. V. M. Reichard, chairman, followed by E. B. Shaver, G. A. Copp, J. I. Hall, W. H. Spigle, J. C. Cassel, J. K. Leedy, J. M. Tombaugh, Mrs. Laura Hetrick and W. B. Stoddard. Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION, 1:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. I. Hall.

The minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The moderator appointed committee on resolutions: G. A. Copp, Laura Hetrick and G. H. Haun; committee on Queries: J. M. Tombaugh, Wm. M. Lyon and J. F. Mullen.

Chairman of committee on Mission Work, (Dr. V. M. Reichard) reported that not anything had been done during the year on account of lack of funds to carry on the work. T. J. Fahrney the secretary, reported that there is yet an amount of ten dollars due Rev. J. S. Bowman for services rendered. E. B. Shaver made a motion that the several churches of Virginia assume the debt and apportion the amount themselves. Carried.

E. B. Shaver's motion that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to apportion the amounts needed for mission work to each minister in charge of a congregation of this conference district, carried. Dr. V. M. Reichard's motion that the chair select the five members for the above committee from the Mission Board, carried. The chair ap-

pointed Dr. V. M. Reichard, H. A. Poffenberger, T. J. Fahrney, J. E. Copp and John W. Hockman.

W. B. Stoddard's motion, to extend the time for J. C. Cassel for his address on church literature, carried.

Wm. M. Lyon made a report of the Washington Mission, of what they have accomplished, also of their needs to successfully carry on the work there.

E. B. Shaver's motion that the money now held by G. A. Copp be paid to T. J. Fahrney, he to give note with security and bearing interest at 5 per cent., carried.

T. J. Fahrney's motion that a committee of three be appointed to solicit subscription for a building fund for the Washington Mission, carried.

T. J. Fahrney, G. A. Copp, J. K. Leedy were appointed. The committee reported amount held by T. J. Fahrney, \$ 69 03
Amount of new subscription, 221 00

Total, \$ 290 03

After singing a hymn the benediction was pronounced by W. M. Lyon.

FIFTH SESSION, 8:00 P. M.

Address by J. C. Mackey, Ph. D. on Educational work of the church.

SIXTH SESSION, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. K. Leedy. The minutes of last session read, corrected and approved.

G. A. Copp's motion that the money received by the Kellar, Va., church now held by T. J. Fahrney be applied to the erection of a Brethren church in Washington, D. C., and be paid over to the proper authorities when \$2500 has been subscribed to the building fund of said church, carried. G. A. Copp's motion that the committee appointed to secure subscriptions to the Washington church fund be continued indefinitely, carried.

S. P. Fogle's motion that in case the Washington church is not built, the amount of money in T. J. Fahrney's possession paid over by G. A. Copp, to be held as property funds of the Maryland and Virginia conference and used by the conference as they see fit to use, carried.

Motion that the two members of the Mission Board whose term expires be re-elected for three years, carried.

Theo. W. Fahrney's motion that the scattered subscription to the Washington church building fund be paid to the treasurer of the National Mission Board to be held for this fund, carried.

G. A. Copp stated that he was authorized to invite the conference to meet at Mt. Zion, Va., in 1899. Motion made to accept Brother Copp's invitation, and the time for meeting be the first Tuesday after the third Sunday in May 1899, carried. T. J. Fahrney's motion that the chair appoint an executive committee, carried. T. J. Fahrney's motion that this conference elect one trustee to serve on board of Trustees of Ashland college,

carried. The chair appointed T. J. Fahrney.

Motion that the chair appoint a delegate at large to the National convention, carried. D. C. Moomaw was appointed. Qualification and Ordination of Ministers, discussed by E. B. Shaver, J. I. Hall and J. C. Cassel. Adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION 1:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Joshua Long.

The minutes of the morning session read, corrected and approved.

The following was referred to the mission for report: We the undersigned do hereby agree and pledge ourselves to annually pay the sum of \$— into the hands of the secretary and treasurer of the Brethren church in the State of Virginia for church erection during life for one church each year where there is the strongest congregation that will be able to do the first half of the building of the houses from \$600 to \$800. Secretary and treasurer to give receipt for all money collected and mark paid on book of contract.

The chairman of committee on Woman's Work made a summarized report.

J. M. Tombaugh's motion that the executive committee be instructed to send out to each congregation in this conference district blanks for statistical reports on Parochial, Sunday-school and Woman's Work, carried.

Subject of Church Literature was discussed by G. A. Copp, J. K. Leedy and T. J. Fahrney. Business pertaining to the Publishing House was discussed by J. C. Cassel, J. M. Tombaugh and J. K. Leedy.

Motion that all statistics be erased from the minutes. Carried.

Bill from the Publishing Board of \$1.75 for 800 copies Minutes of 1897 Conference and an account of T. J. Fahrney for \$5.00 was ordered paid.

The chair appointed the following committees: Executive, G. A. Copp, E. B. Shaver, John W. Hockman; Parochial Report, G. H. Haun, S. P. Fogle, Theo. W. Fahrney; Educational Work, J. M. Tombaugh, D. C. Moomaw, L. P. Grossnickle; Woman's Work, Mrs. Laura Hetrick, Mrs. T. J. Fahrney, Mrs. Chas. Wagner, Mrs. Edw. Nininger, Mrs. Dr. D. L. Shaver; Ministerial Support, J. I. Hall, P. W. Wisman, W. M. Lyon; Sunday-school Work, T. J. Fahrney, Lee Hammer, W. H. Spiggle. Adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION 8:00

Devotional exercises conducted by J. C. Mackey.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Committee on Ministerial Representation in conference submitted the following: We, your committee, submit the following report: In view of the successful working of the plan recommended by the National Conference in neighboring districts, we recommend the adoption of the same plan by the Maryland and Virginia conference. Adopted.